GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:11
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2016
Tie-ups with Foreign Educational Institutions
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether suggestions have been received from various quarters to allow Indian Educational Institutions to tie-up with foreign institutions and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether any roadmap in this regard has been prepared and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the time by which the new scheme is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 11 FOR 18.07.2016 ASKED BY DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING TIE-UPS WITH FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

(a) to (c): The University Grants Commission(UGC) has informed that in order to address the growing need of Indian Educational Institutions (IEIs) to collaborate with Foreign Educational Institutions(FEIs), regulations were notified in 2012 for promotion and maintenance of standards of academic collaboration between IEIs and FEIs, including for the purposes of grant of degree, between IEIs and FEIs. The regulations were reviewed by the UGC and a need was felt for revising them. The NITI Aayog also suggested strengthening of these regulations.

The 2012 regulations have been superseded by the UGC (Promotion and Maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2016, notified on 11th July, 2016. The regulations seek to increase synergy between Indian and foreign academic institutions, offer students additional choices, improve curriculum and the delivery of knowledge and educational content. As per the regulations, the degree will be awarded by the IEIs alone; joint degrees are not permitted. However the name of the collaborating FEI can be indicated on the degree, the logo and primacy being of the Indian institution. Credits from collaborating FEI when jointly signed by the IEI shall form part of the transcript. FEI may also sign the transcript/credit issued by the IEI.

Indian Universities and Colleges, having the highest grade of accreditation/ threshold accreditation, will apply online to the UGC for starting twinning and collaborative arrangement with quality FEIs in undergraduate and postgraduate programmes leading to the award of a degree. All communications received from the applicants shall be responded to by the UGC within a period of 60 working days.

The regulations are available at http://www.egazette.nic.in/ WriteReadData/2016/170684.pdf .

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